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1. EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL ELEMENTS OF THE EMBASSY HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN AN EFFORT TO FIND THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE IN THE CHANCERY FOR THE COMMERCIAL SECTION. AS A RESULT, THE EMBASSY IS PROPOSING THAT THE COMMERCIAL SECTION BE RESETTLED IN THE SOUTH END OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHANCERY PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY DAO PLUS ONE LARGE OFFICE AND AN ADJOINING SMALLER OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR THE COMMERCIAL LIBRARY. EXTENSIVE RENOVATION OF THESE AREAS PLUS THE SPACE REMAINING FOR DAO WILL BE NECESSARY. THIS PROPOSAL WILL REQUIRE THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE DATT WHO IS PRESENTLY ON LEAVE AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN O/A APRIL 25. HOWEVER, SINCE DAO WAS INVOLVED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PROPOSED PLAN, DATT APPROVAL IS ANTICIPATED.

2. MEANWHILE, STOCKHOLM WOULD APPRECIATE SY'S ADVICE ON WHETHER DAO PORTION OF RENOVATION WILL REQUIRE SEABEE
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SUPPORT OR WHETHER WORK COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR WITH MSG SUPERVISION. THIS INFORMATION REQUIRED SOONEST. PROPOSED PLANS HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE RSO IN STOCKHOLM.

3. THE EMBASSY IS OBTAINING BIDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FROM LOCAL CONTRACTORS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT

AS SOON AS AVAILABLE ALONG WITH NEW FLOOR DIAGRAMS OF SUBJECT AREAS. FBO'S PROMPT APPROVAL WILL BE NECESSARY ONCE THE BIDS ARE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON IF THERE IS TO BE ANY REASONABLE CHANCE TO MEET THE JUNE 30 DEADLINE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE MID-SUMMER SLOWDOWN IN SWEDEN.

4. OC'S ASSISTANCE WILL BE NEEDED IF DAO AND THE COMMERCIAL SECTION ARE TO HAVE THEIR PERMANENT TELEPHONE SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL BY JUNE 30. THIS WILL REQUIRE BOTH EXPEDITIOUS PROCUREMENT AND A TECHNICIAN FROM RCO BONN, (POST WILL REQUEST THIS DIRECTLY), TO ASSIST AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A LIST OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT NEEDED WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS IT IS FINALIZED.

5. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE NO LOAD BEARING WALLS IN THE CHANCERY EXCEPT THE OBVIOUS - EXTERIOR, ELEVATOR AND PILLARS. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ANY CONSTRUCTION WE WOULD LIKE FBO'S CONFIRMATION OF THIS.

6. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTED POSSIBLE MOVES BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FOR RESTITUTION OF FUNDS REQUIRED TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE STOCKHOLM TRADE CENTER.

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7. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO FINALIZE ITS PROPOSAL AND WILL SEND FOLLOW-UP CABLE AS SOON AS PLAN IS APPROVED BY DATT AND BIDS ARE AVAILABLE, UNLESS DEPARTMENT ADVISES STOCKHOLM TO THE CONTRARY.
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